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SUBJ: DIET REQUEST FOR LOCKHEED PAPAERS

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1. SUMMARY. BOTH HOUSES OF JAPANESE DIET FEBRUARY 24 PASSED UNANIMOUS RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON US TO RELEASE ALL REMAINING LOCKHEED PAPERS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE NAMES. PM MIKI SAME DAY DECIDED TO SENT A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT ENCLOSING THE DIET RESOLUTIONS AND REITERATING THE REQUEST. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE AMBASSADOR TOGO MAY PRESENT MIKI LETTER AND RESOLUTIONS AT 2 PM, FEBRUARY 24 (WASHINGTON TIME) MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHEN TOGO IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS. RESOLUTIONS AND MIKI LETTER ARE PART OF CONTINUING GOJ/LDP EFFORT TO PERSUADE JAPANESE PUBLIC IT DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AND TO CONJOLE
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POSSITION PARTIES INTO RENEWING STALLED BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IN

DEIT. END SUMMARY.

2. BOTH HOUSES OF JAPANESE DIET FEBRUARY 23 PASSED NEARLY IDENTICAL UNANIMOUS RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR US RELEASE OF REMAINING LOCKHEED PAPERS. RESOLUTION TEXTS NOTE SERIOUS EFFECT ON JAPANESE PUBLIC OPINION OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL REVELATIONS AND URGE THAT TRUTH BE CLARIFIED THOROUGHLY AND PROMPTLY. THEY REQUEST USG AND US SENATE TO RELEASE ALL PRESENTLY UNRELEASED LOCKHEED DATA RELATED TO JAPAN, INCLUDING ALLEGED NAMES OF HIGH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED. THEY ASSERT BELIEF THAT CLARIFICATION OF LOCKHEED MATTER WILL MEET JAPANESE POPULAR DEMANDS AND THEREFORE CONTRIBUTE TO TRUE JAPANA-US FRIENDSHIP. THEY STATE THAT GOJ, IN COMPLYING, SHOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO CLARIFY LOCKHEED SITUATION, INCLUDING DISPATCH OF A SPECIAL ENVOY (TO WASHINGTON).

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PRIMIN MIKI SAY DAY STATED THAT ON BASIS OF DIET RESOLUTIONS, GOJ WILL MAKE UTMOST EFFORTS TO CLARIFY LOCKHEED SITUATION. IN ADDITION, MIKI PROMISED T SEND A PERSONAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD CONCERNING MATTER. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE CONTENTS OF LETTER WILL BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. MIKI WILL EXPLAIN SERIOUS IMPACT OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL ON JAPANESE POLITICS. HE WILL EMPHASIZE HIS PERSONAL DESIRE FOR THOROUGH CLARIFICATION OF THE MATTER, REPORTEDLY POINTING OUT THAT ALTHOUGH TRUTH-- PRESUMABLY CONCERNING HIRN JAPANESE OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT-- MAY BE HARMFUL, JAPANESE DEMOCRACY HAS STRENGTH TO OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES AND OFFERING VIEW THAT IN THE END RESOLUTION OF MATTER IN THIS FASHION WILL STRENGTHEN US-JAPAN RELATIONS. FINALLY HE WILL REPORTEDLY REITERATE FIRMLY EARLIER GOJ REQUEST FOR COOPERATION OF USG IN PROVIDING ALL UNRELEASED LOCKHEED MATERIALS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE NAMES OF IMPORTANT JAPANESE INVOLVED. FONOFF HAS PROMISED US COPY OF LETTER TEXT BUT, AS OF 6:00PM TOKYO TIME, TEXT STILL BEING REVISED. PRESS SUGGESTS TOGO MAY HAND OVER MIKI LETTER AND DIET RESOLUTIONS WHEN HE PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND SCHEDULED FOR 2PM FEBRUARY 24.

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COMMENT.

4. DIET RESOLUTIONS AND MIKI LETTER ARE FORMS GOJ/LDP ARE PURSUING TO ACHIEVE TWO OBJECTIVES: FIRST, TO PERSUADE JAPANESE PUBLIC GOJ IS DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN THOROUGHLY TO INVESTIGATE LOCKHEED SITUATION, REGARDLESS OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE AND SECOND, PERSUADE OPPOSITION PARTIES TO RESUME NORMAL DIET DELIBERATION

OF BUDGET AND RELATED BILLS BY COMPROMISING ON SEVERAL OF THEIR
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RESOLUTIONS, MIKI LETTER AND SPECIAL ENVOY HINTS WERE APPARENTLY
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PRESSURE TO RETURN TO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY AS QUICKLY AS
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